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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION AND INDONESIA

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL I HAVE DELIVERED TO TWO KEY OFFICIALS COPIES OF HUMAN RIGHTS PROVISIONS IN NEW INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE ACT.

2. ON SEPT 23 I DELIVERED TEXT TO GENERAL BENNIE MURDANI, CHIEF OF INDONESIAN ARMY INTELLIGENCE, WHO HAS BEEN PRINCIPAL CONTACT ON SENSITIVE MILITARY ASSISTANCE QUESTIONS. HE UNDERSTOOD NATURE OF LEGISLATION AND FACT THAT DEPT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE REPORTS ON SITUATION IN INDONESIA. HE SAID HE HOPED THAT CONTINUED PROGRESS IN CONNECTION WITH DISPOSITION OF 1965 DETAINEE CASES WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE US WITH BASIS FOR SATISFACTORY RESPONSES TO LEGISLATION.

3. ON SEPT 24 I DELIVERED COPIES TO AMBASSADOR SOEMARJO, CHIEF OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S PRIVATE OFFICE, UNDER COVER OF LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK. I EXPLAINED TO AMBASSADOR SOEMARJO FACT THAT WE HAD HAD CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH CONGRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES IN INDONESIA AND THAT, IN GENERAL, POSITIVE ACTIONS BEING TAKEN BY INDONESIA WERE RECOGNIZED. SOEMARJO SAID HE WOULD PASS  
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LEGISLATION ON TO FOREIGN MINISTER BUT HE WAS TROUBLED BY

FACT THAT EXTERNAL PRESSURES NECESSARY TO RESOLVE INTERNAL  
INDONESIAN PROBLEM. HE SAID HE HOPED MEMBERS OF US  
CONGRESS RECOGNIZED THAT INDONESIA WAS SEEKING TO DEAL  
WITH DETAINEE QUESTION BUT THAT IT WAS FAR FROM SIMPLE  
GIVEN RESIDUAL FEELING WITHIN POPULATION. HE SAID HE HAD  
BEEN NEAR MADIUN WHEN COMMUNIST UPRISING TOOK PLACE THERE  
IN 1945 AND FOR MANY OF HIS FRIENDS IT BECAME QUESTION OF  
"KILL OR BEING KILLED." THIS EXPERIENCE HAS LASTING  
IMPRESSION ON THOSE WHO WERE INVOLVED WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY  
EFFECTS DEGREE TO WHICH GOVERNMENT CAN RELEASE SUSPECTED  
COMMUNISTS FROM 1965 EVENTS.

4. SOEMARJO, WHO WAS WORKING ON DRAFT OF SPEECH WHICH  
FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK WILL GIVE TO ASIAN SOCIETY IN LOS  
ANGELES OCTOBER 7, SAID HE WAS PLANNING TO INCLUDE SECTION  
ON HUMAN RIGHTS. HE WOULD BE RECOMMENDING THAT MALIK  
ACKNOWLEDGE PROBLEM IN INDONESIA AND POINT TO CONTINUED  
RELEASES AND TO PRESIDENT'S EXPRESSION REGARDING PROBLEM  
IN AUGUST 16 SPEECH TO PARLIAMENT.

5. I PLAN AFTER LEBARAN HOLIDAYS TO DELIVER TEXT OF  
SECTION 301 TO MINISTER OF JUSTICE MOCHTAR AND HEAD OF  
INTERNAL SECURITY COMMAND, ADMIRAL SUDOMO.  
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